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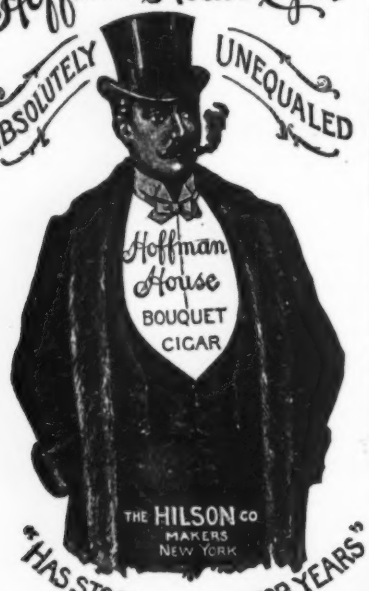

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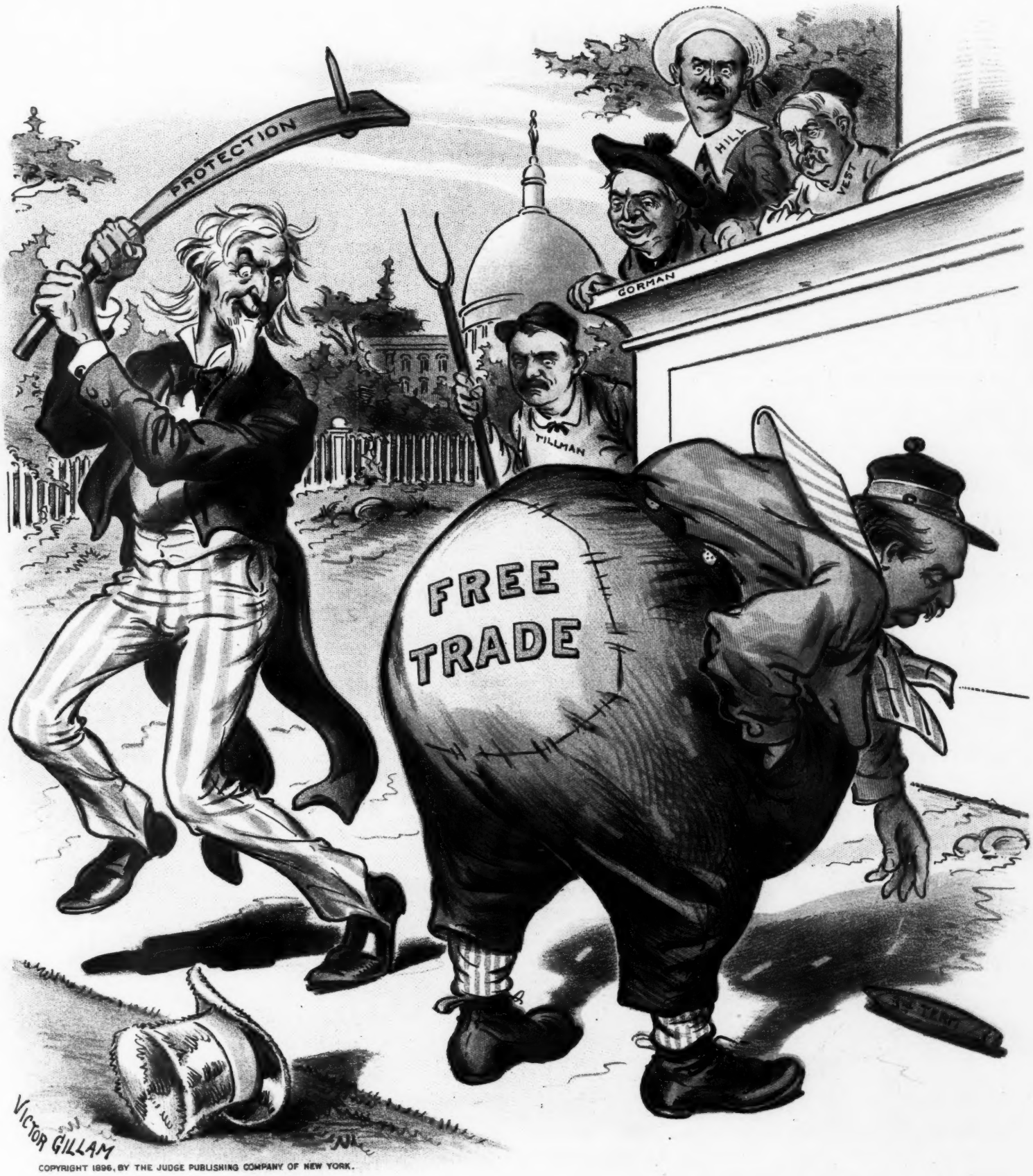

UNCLE SAM—"Oh, say! It's dead easy."

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WHEN GREEK meets Yank then comes the tug of war.

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IT HAS been remarked by the convivial person that absinthe makes it dearer.

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SPEAKING OF POLITICS, the king of Abyssinia appears to be among the Menelek.

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IT IS POSSIBLE that H. H. Holmes reveled as much in his confession as he did in his crimes.

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MR. DEPEW sometimes talks of his own volition, and he is most interesting at those times.

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MR. CLEVELAND needn't worry himself. He may get a fourth nomination, but he can't get a third term.

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VICTORIA and Hetty Green are among the richest women in the world; but Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont is certainly the ablest financier.

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IN HAYTI they celebrated the death of Hippolyte with a revolution. They always celebrate that kind of thing that way.

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MR. HILL will be a large man at Chicago, and if the nomination is forced upon him he won't break his neck in trying to get away from it.

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DR. JAMESON dislikes notoriety. Modest man. Let him have the privilege of leading or driving a few hundred men into their graves and he will be quite satisfied.

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THE CORRUPTION in the recent elections in Spain threatens the throne. The proud and sensitive people of Spain do not like to be stepped on any more than does anybody else.

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MRS. TOOKER of Kansas tied her husband to a beam and mercilessly flogged him because he had lost eighty-four dollars at poker. If Tooker had lost a hundred the woman would probably have killed him; and what Kansas has long needed is a law abolishing wife-beating.

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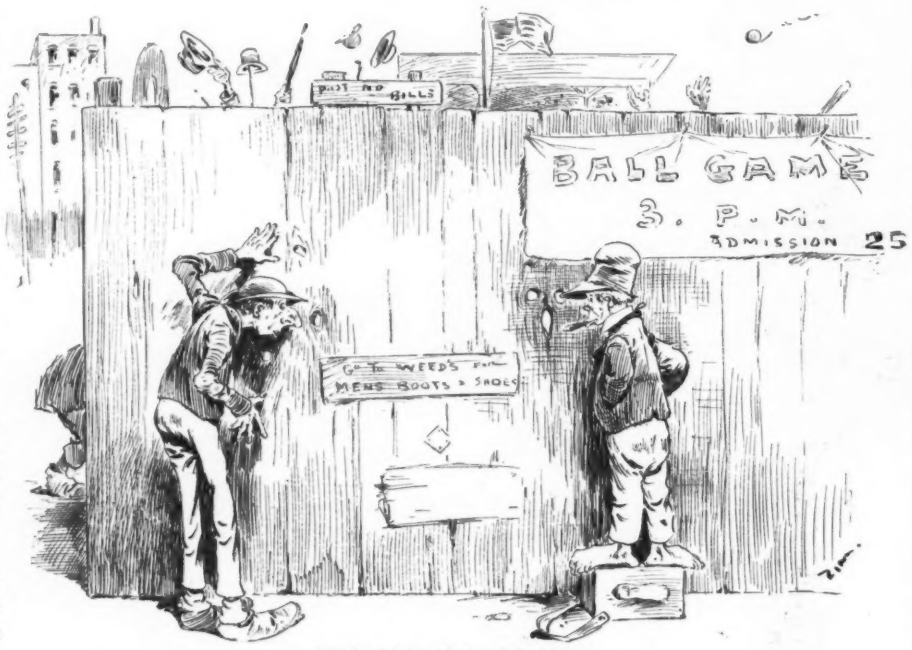
BROTHER REED must take the second place on the presidential racer. If he refuses he will commit the error of vaulting away over the horse's back, thus giving McKinley and the animal the liberty to run away from him. Possibly the horse will come back at the end of four years; but what a long, long time that is to wait.



NASALLY HANDICAPPED.

IKEY—"Blease oxchange blaces mid me, Patsy?"
PATSY—"Fer phwat do yez want *this* place?"
IKEY—"Id's der only von I can get my eyes up glose to der knot-holes und see der game at."

GOOD TRAITS.

IT IS frequently remarked that Spain is a proud and sensitive nation. True enough; and Cubans are proud and sensitive men. So also of the men in South America who have freed themselves from Spanish rule. It is well to be proud and sensitive; but one kind of men is as much entitled to that distinction as another kind.

A CASE OF THEFT.

DR. MORGAN'S EXCUSE for stealing a sermon was that he was exhausted from the labors of holy week. One would like to accept it in behalf of a good man who never hooked anything before; but any kind of theft or robbery may have the same explanation. And it is perhaps more reprehensible to steal brains than to filch money or groceries.

THE PERIL OF WEALTH.

POVERTY has its privileges. No newspaper can marry a poor girl to the man she dislikes, or the man she never got acquainted with. But heaven help the very rich young woman! She is engaged by the newspaper to a dozen different persons before she even begins to think of a divorce. She might as well be an actress, with no right of privacy whatever.

HINT TO THE PEACE SOCIETIES.

IN CASE OF WAR with anybody this country ought to be permitted to send out a few of its athletes and settle the whole business. That would be less expensive than to arm and discipline a large military or naval force, and far less bloody and disagreeable. Since there must be a test of strength, let it be representative rather than general, according to all civilized legislation.

OUR AMERICAN NOBILITY.

PICTURES and descriptions of the duchess of Marlborough at the Blenheim establishment will create a more ardent desire on the part of the American heiress to marry a foreign title, and the demands for American money by the latter will go high. Everybody wishes the duke and the duchess the utmost happiness; but these things cannot be evened up until we have titles of our own. There is no other way.

MEAN POLITICS.

THE ABLEST ARGUMENT against McKinley for president is presented by the Platt newspapers, seconded to some extent by the newspapers favoring Reed and some other candidates. This sort of thing is not unusual, but the managers of the newspapers are going to be very sorry for it. The comparatively few Republican opponents of McKinley have a right to stand by their favorites, but they are not going to use the Ohio man for a stepping-stone to their ambition. He and his friends won't have it.

THE SOUL AND THE OLD FLAG.

GENERAL BOOTH before the late salvation unpleasantness had an ardent dislike of Americans and American ways, and proposed to split the union and take in Canada in place of the discarded portions. No wonder the Ballingtons revolted. They had American money, American friends, and American sympathy, and it would have been wicked to repudiate them. The revolt was therefore a Christian duty and the Ballingtons have no right to do anything but stand firm in the position they have taken.

WOMAN AND CHURCH.

THE WOMEN of the church ought to have the right to participate in church conferences. They are the seed of the church, and but for them the number of the church-goers would be small. The principle of no taxation without representation is as good in the church as out of it, and the revolt proposed by a Brooklyn lady last year would have very large support if fairly begun. This lady had been a church-goer many years and had liberally contributed to the expenses of her organization, yet she was obliged to keep silence and had got very tired of it. But what a flutter there would be if, on the other hand, women were obliged to keep talking in the churches.

A SPRING IDYL.

I HAVE not heard a robin's song,
Nor seen a bursting bud;
I look upon the landscape—
Just dreary wastes of mud.

The poor old organ-grinder
Risks not his life nor limb;
The man who always grinds for us—
We've got the grind on him!

SAVED.

"MY REPUTATION is gone forever!"

The new-woman weather-prophet wrung her hands in agony as she gazed out of the window at the early morning sky and saw that the day was going to be bright and clear.

It seemed hard to be cast into oblivion in company with the great weather-predictors of Hohokus and Yaphank just when success was within her grasp. For years she had studied the heavens, wrestled with weather-maps and pored over old almanacs, until at last she felt herself competent to represent the new woman among professional forecasters.

Her first prediction, although a correct one, brought her neither fame nor wealth; but when she followed it up a few days later by forecasting an unexpected blizzard she saw her name blazoned forth in the newspapers, and letters of congratulation poured in from all parts of the country. Flushed with success, she made a third guess and predicted a storm — the most frightful one within the recollection of man. This forecast she had sent to all the papers, and when she woke up on the fateful morning and found that a calm, peaceful day was just dawning she screamed forth in her agony,

"My reputation is gone forever!"

"What's the matter?" cried her husband, jumping out of bed and hurrying to her side.

"Look out in the street," she sobbed. "You know I predicted the greatest storm of the century for to-day. I will be a laughing-stock."

"Perhaps it isn't as bad as all that," he replied.

"Oh, yes, it is," she returned. "I sent the forecast to all the papers. You remember I gave you the letters to mail."

Her husband breathed a sigh of relief. He went to his coat-pocket and fished out a bundle of letters.

"Forgive me, my dear," he pleaded. "I forgot to mail them."

J. J. O'CONNELL.

NO RULES BROKEN.

ROUNDSMAN (*to new officer*)—"Don't you know you have no business in a saloon except to make an arrest?"
OFFICER CASEY—"Begorra! Oi'm a-restin' mesilf, ain't Oi?"

DISCOVERED.

TOMMY—"I know why you like sister Bertha—'cause she wants you to marry her!"

AN OLD CONTRIBUTOR.

CLERK (*of court*)—"Thomas Hammond, alias Spike Hammond, alias Sliver Hammond, alias Ham the Mick, alias Ham the Lush, alias Sloppy Weather, how do you plead to this indictment?"

MR. HAMMOND (*deeply injured*)—"Yer honer, I submit dat dat indictment is outrageously defective. Half uv dem names ain't aliases et all; dey's simply me literary non-de-plumes."

A USELESS QUESTION.

THE VISITOR—"Is your father home?"

THE ELDEST—"D'ye t'ink I'd be smokin' if the old man was at home?"

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

MARY HAMPTON.

Gone the noble cavalier,
Yet his ladye-love is here,
In your grace surviving.
Art, or chivalry—which is it
Rallies knights where'er you visit,
For your favor striving?

A NEW READING.

School-teacher—"Tommy, you may answer the question, 'Eternal vigilance is the price of what?'"

Tommy—"Holding your job."

WESTERN WINDS.

SWEET western winds, that drift from out the heart
Of that far region toward the setting sun
Where men have seized dear victories hard won,
Your warm caresses make my pulses start,
And sweep away the noisy city's mart.
The harvest time is thine, oh, golden west,
And in thy fullness all the earth is blest,
For nature's benison is more than art.
Blow, western winds, across those fertile lands,
And waft thy fragrant breath in crowded streets
Where sordid traffic all its strife repeats
That gold may tickle many greedy hands;
Thy gentle air shall breathe of happier days,
And hope shall smile on yet untrodden ways.

MARY C. FRANCIS.

UP TO DATE.

Elder Berry—"Job-lots has started out to bring the parables up to date."

Mrs. Berry—"Made much progress?"

Elder Berry—"Only one, so far—'I'll go you ten to one that the mote in my eye is bigger than the beam in yours.'"

HER HOBBY.

Cobwigger—"What? Another day wasted, and you haven't found a place to move to yet?"

Mrs. Cobwigger—"Really, Henry, I haven't seen one suitable house."

Cobwigger—"House? Why, from your talk you seem to have been looking for nothing but closets."

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

WESTERNER (*as a York-state powder-mill blows up, two rods away*)—"Ha! that's a reg'lar good ole rip-snortin' Dakoty breeze, I reckon. A few more like that would git me so humsick I'd clear out fer Dakoty agin."

HONORING A RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONAL.

JIMMIE—"How is it, Mick, dat all of Empire O'Brine's decishins seems ter go widout er scrap? 'Cos he's got base-ball fingers on 'im?"

MICK—"Naw! he useter be de water-boy fer de New Yawks, an' two er t'ree er de gang heered der pitcher call 'im old man."

A LEAP-YEAR INCIDENT.

HE—"I've just bought a bicycle built for two."
SHE—"Oh, George, this is so sudden!"

ONE POOR WRETCH.

THE flowers that come with the spring are in bloom,
And the most of the people are pleased, we presume,
But the boarder now heaves a significant sigh—
They are feeding him largely on dried-apple pie.

F. S. B.

A TERRIBLE SUSPICION.

Howson Lott—"All the women around here this spring seem to be wearing their bloomers when they work in the garden."

Mrs. Howson Lott—"Oh, George, is that what you meant when you said you were just wandering around the neighborhood to look at the different kinds of garden-hose?"

IN QUARANTINE.

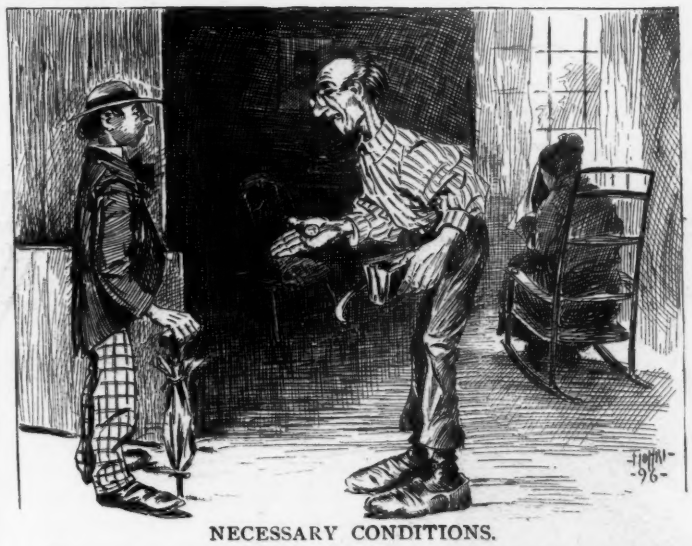
"WHEN my ship comes in it will be well manned,"
Said she, "and freighted with cargo."
"I'm a man-of-war. Do I understand,"
Said he, "that I'm under embargo?"

"There's no embargo upon the marine,"
She replied to his banter courageous;
"But I've held you, sir, in quarantine,
Fearing love as a fever contagious."

LA RUE

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

JUDGE—"What is your name?"
PEDDLER—"Moses Grrrrzzvppdslksky."
JUDGE—"What's the matter—have you got a fit?"
PEDDLER—"Naw; dot's me name."



NECESSARY CONDITIONS.

THE OLD ONE—"Ef I gives ye some money ter spend while ye be in New York ye won't go to no dance-halls or gamblin'-places, or drink champagne with it, will ye?"
SON—"No, sir."
THE OLD ONE—"Wa-al, then here's a dollar, an' mind ye keep yer word."

THE SPRING POET.

IT'S sad to see the vernal bard
No longer is a star pet;
His wife now has him in the yard
A-helping shake the carpet.

AND SO IT WAS.

Teacher—"Tommy, are you chewing gum?"
Tommy—"No, ma'am."
Teacher—"What are you doing, then?"
Tommy—"Swallerin' it."

TO BE HANDLED WITH CARE.

Bridget—"Shall Oi hull the strawberries, mum?"
Mrs. Hillaire—"No. I want them served so that they can be eaten separately from the fingers. They cost too much yet to be swallowed by the spoonful."

A GENIUS.

MRS. ONLYSON—"Yes, Jack 's made quite a reputation as an inventor since he left Yale."
MRS. PRAISALL—"How charming! What is his line?"
MRS. ONLYSON—"Thinking up new names in a corset manufactory."

A SONG OF THIS SPRING.

HOW light the merry sleigh-bells ring
Across the drifted snow!
While in the apple-orchards swing
The boughs with blooms aglow.

How graciously the lilacs lean
Across that path of ice!
We've got our summer shirt-waists on
Because the fire 's so nice.

The children went to slide to-day
Where yonder ponds begin,
And then the lightning struck the ice
And so they all fell in.

FLORENCE E. PRATT.

THE OBSERVATION OF A FOUR-YEAR-OLD.

MARION had escaped surveillance for, perhaps, two consecutive minutes while her "nightie" was airing, and made inroads into a luscious greening almost as large as her own precious head. She objected decidedly to relinquishing the prize, but finally a compromise was effected which left it on the window-sill in plain sight of her crib till morning. I was awakened at daylight by a tearful little voice at my bedside saying, "Just see, papa! My apple is all rusty."

DECEPTIVE.

MR. JOHNSING—"Dat Miss Virginny Snowball has got de smalles' feet in de kentry."
MR. JACKSON—"Dat's so."

Just then Miss Snowball held her train up. (*Tableau.*)

FROM HIS POINTS OF VIEW.

CHOLLY—"D'm (hic) fine show! L'ttle higher (hic), girls; l'ttle higher!"

STOOD TO REASON.

THE great criminal lawyer was defending a man indicted for larceny. An old feud existed between the lawyer and the prosecuting attorney, and they neglected no opportunity to hit each other.

"Gentlemen of the jury," pleaded the lawyer, in determining this case let me caution you to bear this one fact in mind. My client is a poor man. While we admit he was tempted to steal, it was only when he was in the last extremity—hungry, in fact. Think what any man might do who suddenly found himself alone in the world and penniless."

The prosecuting attorney, remembering that the great criminal lawyer was noted for his greed, saw his opportunity and replied,

"That is a very pretty picture you have just heard drawn, gentlemen of the jury; but every one knows that if the prisoner was really without a cent the counsel for the defense would never be defending him."

A LONG DROUGHT.

TWO men from Toronto were discussing the deferred hopes which make sick the heart of the prince of Wales. The first man said,

"The prince must think it's a long time between reigns."

"Yes," returned the other; "and when the next reign comes Victoria's dust will be laid."

SOLID COMFORT.

EACH spring the goat forgets his woes,
He's frisky as a pup,
Because he finds where'er he goes
The circus-bills are up.

THE ANNUAL PHENOMENON.

NOW spring is here we see instead
To what a pass we're put:
There's summer weather overhead
And winter under foot.

THE BEST OF PROOF.

Mrs. Grimshaw—"Did you really expect a new suit this spring, my dear?"

Grimshaw—"Did I? If I didn't, do you think I'd have made the coat shabby by wearing it under my overcoat all winter?"

ON THE OCEAN LINER.

SHE—"Why, Tom! I've been looking everywhere for you. What are you doing?"

HE—"H-holding d-down a g-good thing. I've just d-dined."

VIRGIN TIMIDITY.

HYPNOTIST (*in Dead Gulch*)—"Ladies and gentlemen, I have now put Mr Bronco Pete into a mesmeric trance, and he imagines that he is a young girl about to receive her first proposal. (*To Pete.*) Will you have me, birdie?"

PETE (*in a trance*)—"Will I *hev* yer? W'y, yer wall-eyed, knock-kneed cayote, sing out fer booze! Dis is so sudden!"

A DESPERATE RUN.

FLOWERY FIELDS—"Lord, Bill! t-talk about yer n-narrer escapes! I jes' bin ch-chased six miles."

WEARY WILLIAM—"Dog or bull?"

FLOWERY FIELDS—"Old maid—le-leap-year!" (*Faints.*)

REVEREND MOAKLEY MCKOON HEARS OF THE X RAYS.

WHEN the Reverend McKoon came into the yard of the Zion philharmonic church, last Tuesday, to attend the annual meeting, he knocked the ashes from his pipe and asked, "How many ob yo' has heered erbout Robberson's X rays?"

"I doan' fink yo' got dat ar name right," said Deacon Felshaw.

"I got five dollahs fo' de niggah dat will spell dat name an' pernounce it fo' dis crowd," said the elder. No one stirred or spoke. "Den Robberson goes," he continued. "Now all on yo' dat has heered ob dem rays an' seen de picters hol' up yo' han's." A dozen hands went up and he said, "Dem X rays will shine froo a stone wall or a pile ob cord-wood. Dey would eben shine froo dat niggah's haid dat sets dar on de front seat sleepin' an' snorin' away like a ten-hoss frashin'-masheen." (Sensation.) "We orter open dis meetin' wid a sled-stake instid ob pra'r; an' speakin' ob dem X rays, I would like toe send a few ob dem froo dis crowd an' see de dollahs an' scads in yo' pockets while dis room needs toe be fricaseed an' a red dodo run roun' de bottom. Jes' 'membah dem picters in de papahs ob de whole phlebotomy ob man wisible froo de flesh an' den open dis meetin' undah de haid ob de good ob de ordah."

A. T. WORDEN.

THE SPRING ARTIST.

THE jocund spring-time always glads
This fiend with tangle locks,
Who letters sarsaparilla ads.
Upon the wayside rocks.

THE SMALL BOY.

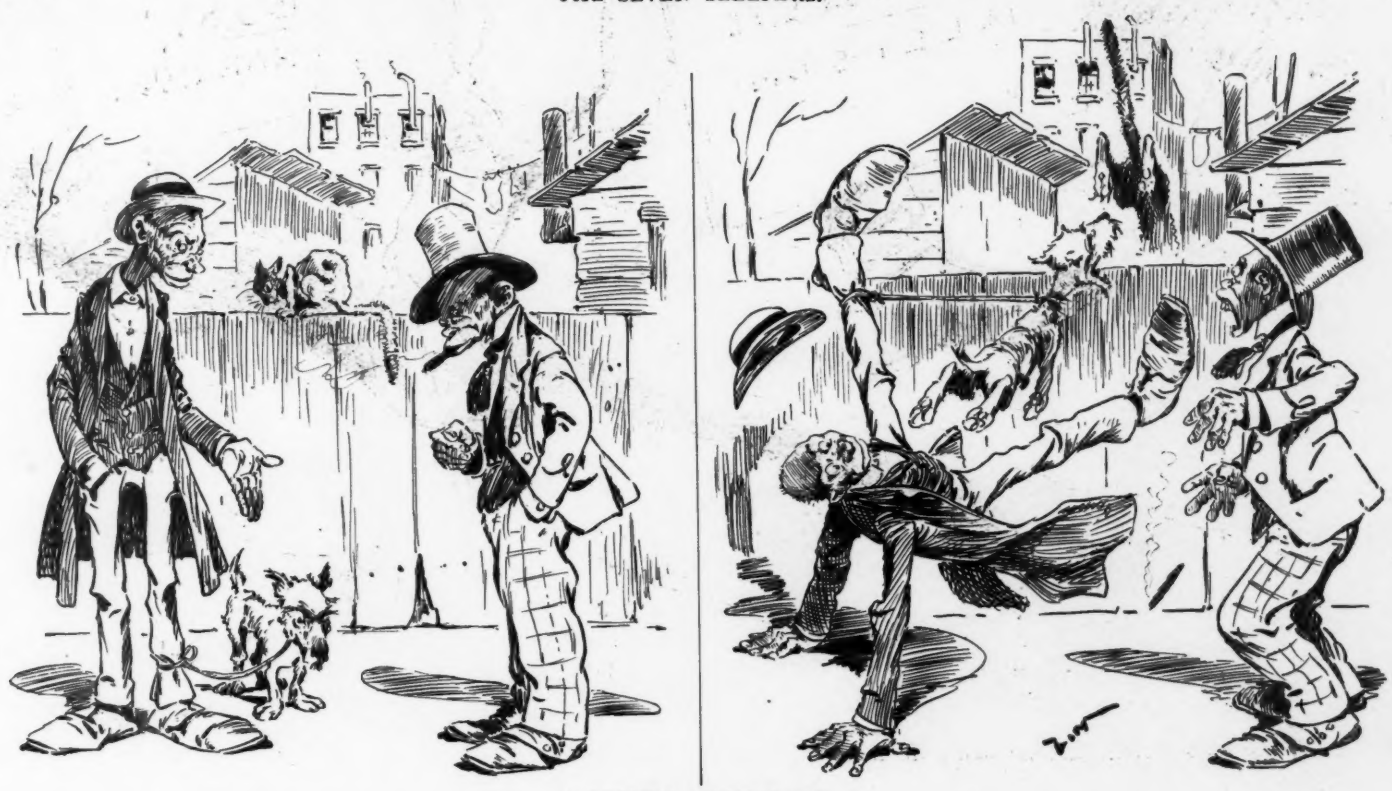
EACH spring we find him rather dense,
For, though he is acquainted
With such things, he sits on the fence
And finds it newly painted.

FERTILE IN EXPEDIENTS.

Giles—"Tom used to be quite a chicken-fancier in his way. Since he took that house in the suburbs I suppose he has put in a fine variety."

Merritt—"He intended to keep chickens, but the place was so swampy he thought it better to invest in ducks."

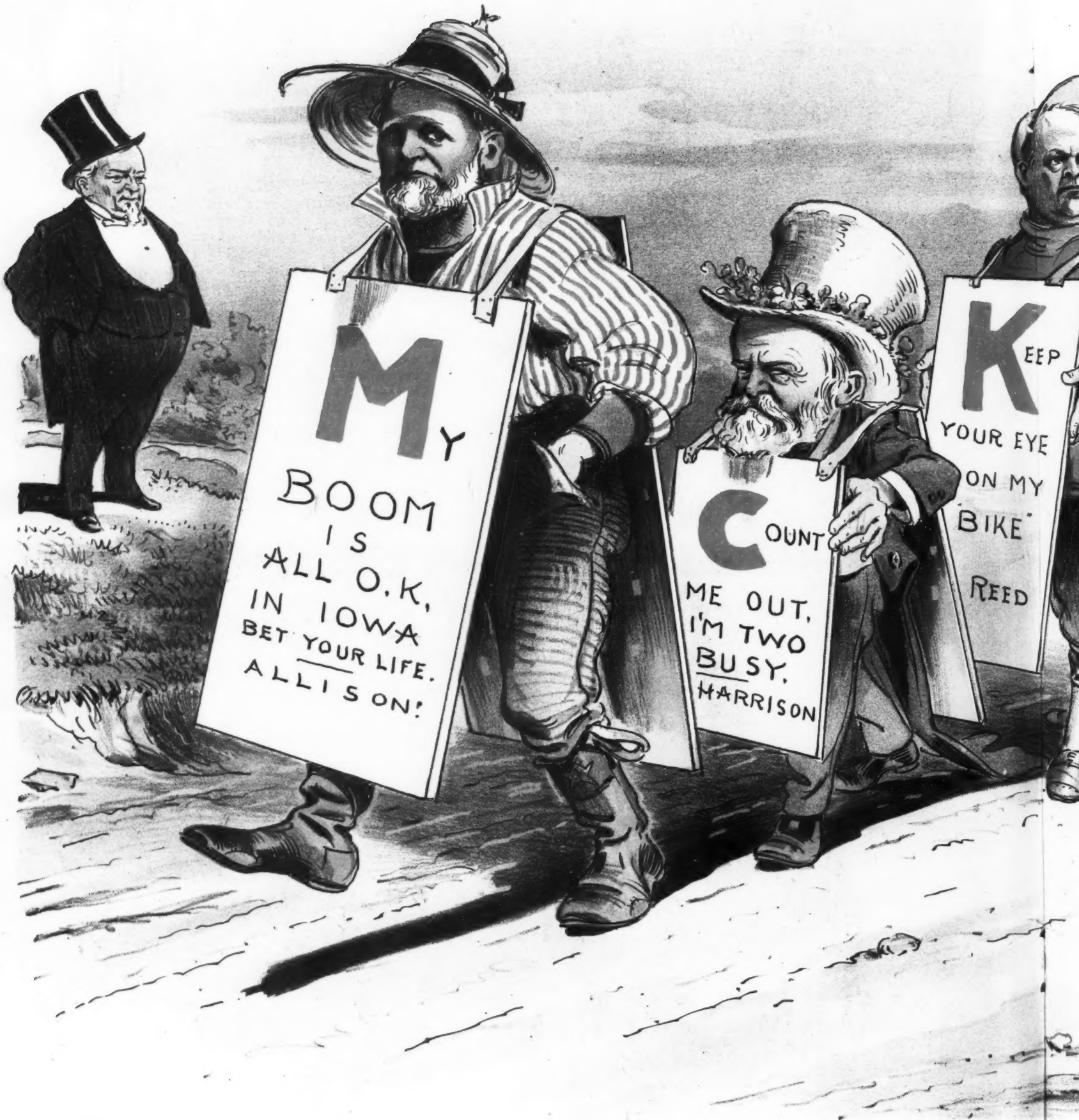
THE SEVEN SLEEPERS.



A SECURE ANCHORAGE.

JONSING—"Whad fo' yo' dun gone an' tie yo' dog on yo' laig?"

PETAHS—"'Cause de dog-ketchah am roun', an' when I hab him tied toe mah laig I knows whar he am—d-d-d-d——dat's why."



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THE POLITICAL SAN

JUDGE—"Well, it does look

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oes look like McKinley."

AWAY UP IN RELIGION.

MRS. JOHNSON—"Am yo'r son, who entahed de chu'ch ias' yeah, gittin' up in hees callin'?"

MRS. JACKSON—"W'y, yais; he's va'y neah de top now—he's paintin' steeples fo' a livin' now. Sais dere 's moah money paintin' steeples dan poundin' pulpits."

"DOWN WITH THE DUMPS."

A SAD, TRUE STORY.

MR. HAZEL, with his wife and child, lived at the top of a large apartment-house in Brooklyn. One night Mr. Hazel, who wore a long flannel night-gown, was awakened about twelve o'clock by the smell of smoke and coal-gas. It was a cold, bleak night and he was loath to leave his warm bed to investigate, but visions of a delinquent janitor and of firemen rescuing them from a burning building, and other visions wherein he wasn't rescued, disturbed him, and he at last stepped into the public hall. His wife followed him, and while they were discussing the matter the door of the apartment blew shut, and the night-latch was down. They lost all interest in the smoke and in the janitor, and frantically they tried to get back to their own again. Mr. Hazel pushed with his feet and pounded with his fists, and called and shouted for his little girl to open the door. But the girl was a healthy child and a sound sleeper and she slept on.

Mr. Hazel was in despair and sat him down on the landing, crossed his legs under him, and declared he would have to stay there all night, incidentally abusing his wife in a mild way for following him out there. His wife suggested that they might get in through the elevator-door, although in her secret heart she thought it was fastened. Mr. Hazel, however, climbed the stairs to the roof and stepped his feet on the cold and slimy roof, for it was raining. The wind blew his long night-dress around him in a wild fantastic way and the rain pelted his bald head. He hurried across the roof and drew the elevator to the top of the building (it was at the basement, of course). He stepped on top of it and pulled himself down to his own lodging. "Ah," he said, "I am all right now! I'll soon fix this matter."

But the fates were against him. So was the door, for it was fastened on the inside. He sat down and pushed and jammed with his feet, and swore softly but frequently, but the door remained obstinately shut.

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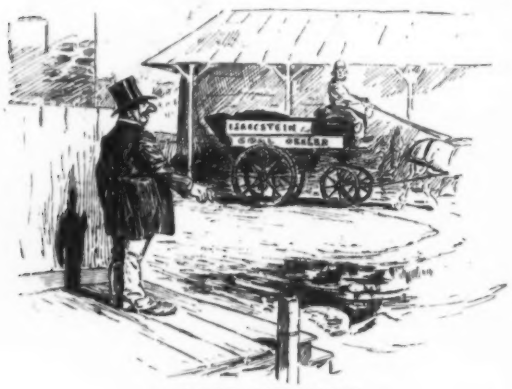

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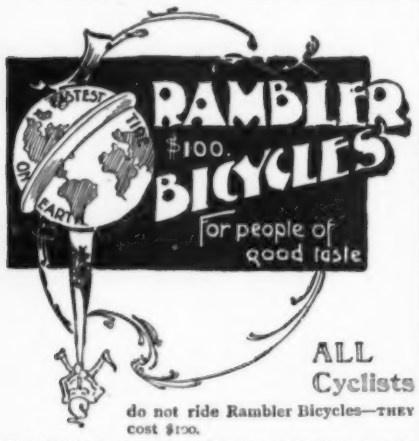

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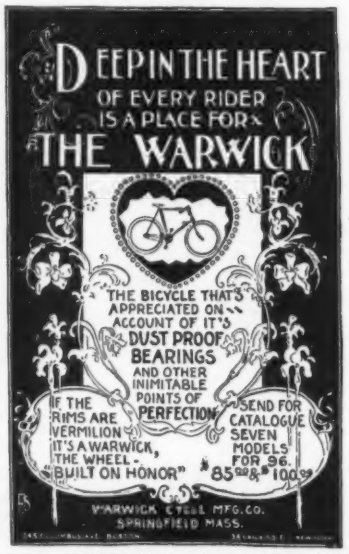

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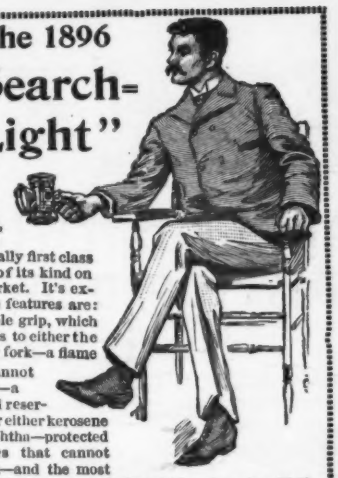

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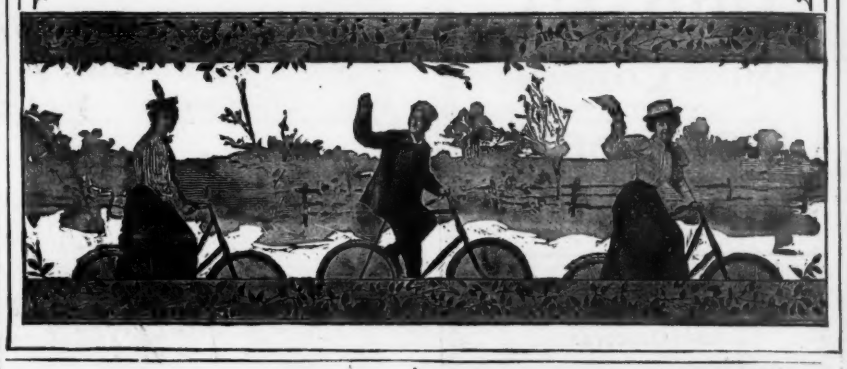

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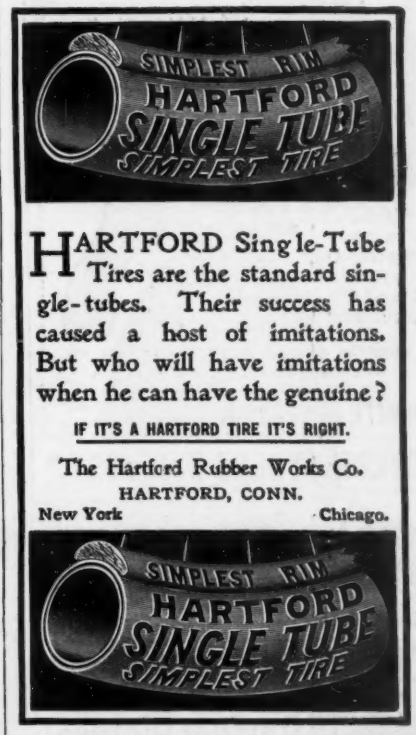

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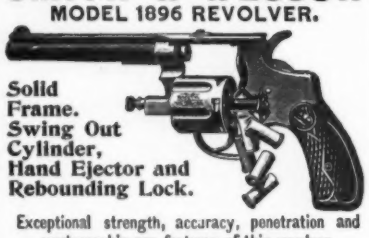

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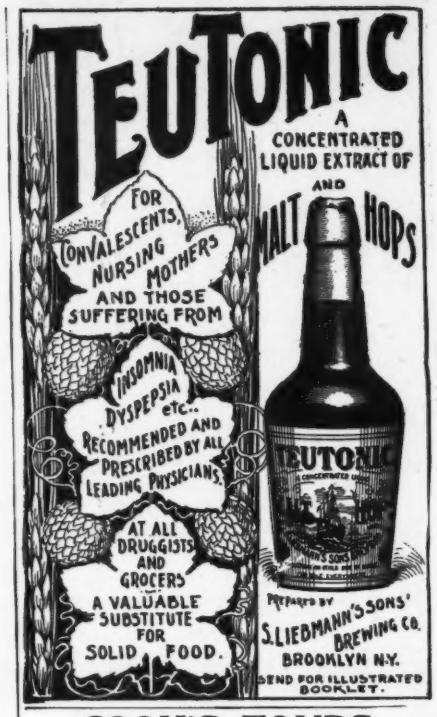

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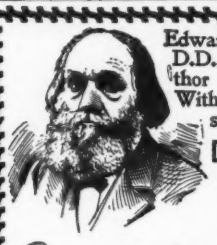

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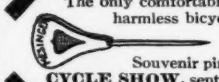

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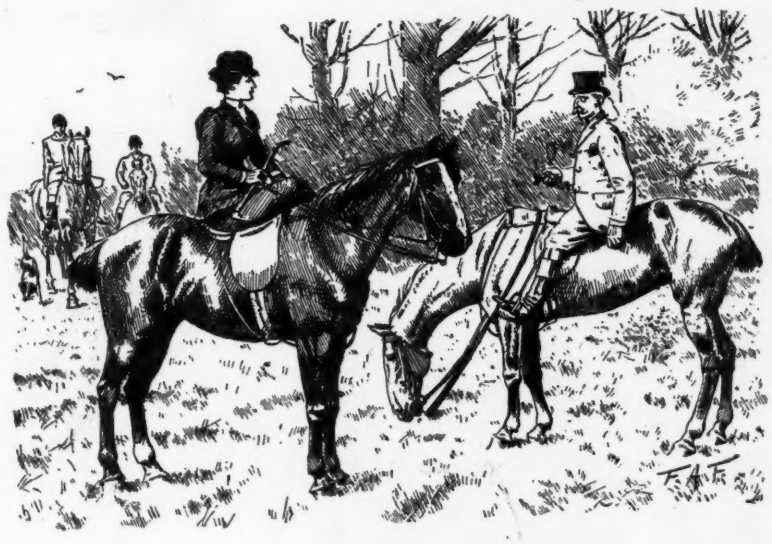

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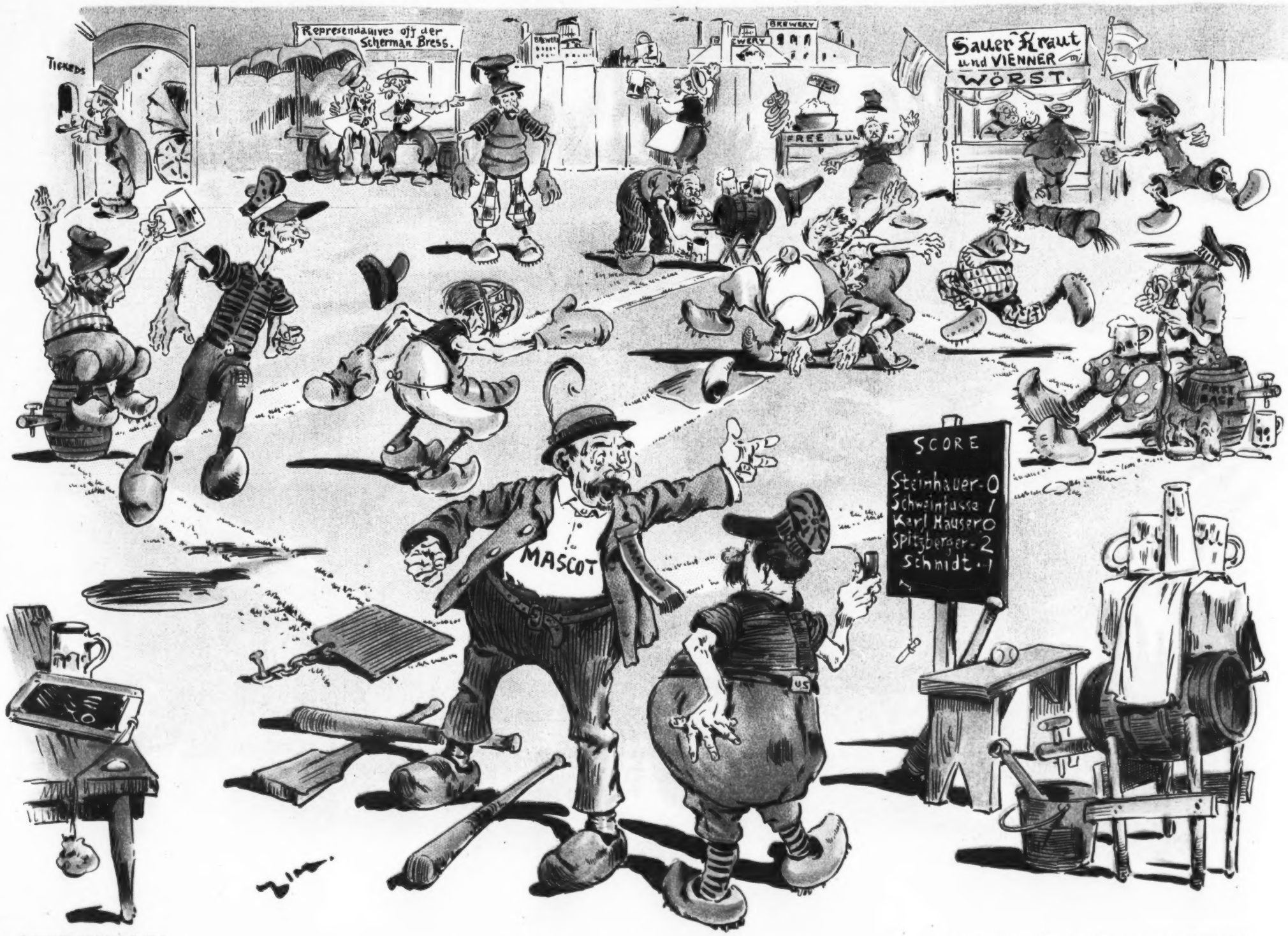

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